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1. In the Soviet chemical troops there are independent chemical blocking companies (Osobiye khimroty zagrazhdeniya). Such a company contains: two blocking platoons (vzvodi zagrazhdeniya) and two fire-setting platoons (vzvodi podzhoga).
2. These companies are primarily used, during a retreat of Soviet troops, for the following tasks:
- a. Setting fire to all kind of property and installations that can be of importance to the enemy as well as stores and sources of civilian supply and food.
    - 1.) Fire-setting platoons are equipped with motorized flame-throwers (avto-ognemety), pack flame-throwers, incendiary bottles, and other incendiaries (ZV's - Zazhigatelnye veshchestva).
  - b. Contaminating with persistent poisonous substances (SOV - Stoikiye otzavlyayushchie veshchestva) any place where the enemy has to pass or places that are of such importance to the enemy.
3. Blocking platoons are equipped with motorized chemical devices (avto-khimpribori) and pack chemical devices, which are similar to pack flame-throwers. Men of the chemical company are supplied with the following:

Impregnated protective overalls, weight	3kg
Rubber boots, weight	1.8kg
Rubber gloves, weight	0.3kg

Fifty percent of the personnel is equipped with gas masks type KIP-5 (hislorodny izoliruyushchi protivogas). The individual arms of the personnel are machine carbines type PPS-43.

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